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SCIENTIST FROM WEST GERMANY TO SPEAK ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AT UM

MISSOULA --

Ulrich Boehringer, an official of the West German environmental agency Umweltbundesamt in Berlin, will present a lecture on environmental monitoring activities in the Federal Republic of Germany at 4 p.m. Sept. 29 in Room 131 of UM's Science Complex.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will include topics such as the decline of German forests and strategies West Germany uses to handle environmental problems such as Chernobyl.

Boehringer manages the West German Speciman Banking program. Speciman Banks are repositories for environmental samples ranging from human liver to water fowl to air borne particles. The samples permit monitoring of trends in pollutants over time and retrospective evaluations. For example, after Chernobyl, materials stored in the German banks were invaluable for comparisons of exposure levels to radioactive materials.

Boehringer will be available Tuesday, Sept. 30, to meet with individuals interested in learning more about the West German programs. For further information contact Jerry Bromenshenk, Department of Zoology, at 243-5122.

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